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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING PERFORMANCE ON MULTIPLE-CHOICE EXAMS

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Effective October 1, 2004, 37 CFR 1.18 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (c) to read as set forth be

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